Meeting Summary

Meeting of the Primary Zone Study Committee October 20, 2010, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Walnut Grove Library, Walnut Grove

The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Committee members present: Commissioners Albright, Ruhstaller, Vick, and Roberta Goulart (proxy for Commissioner Piepho).

Committee members not present: Commissioners Cabaldan, Pegos, and Ferguson

Commissioner Albright served as Chair.

Meeting Summary:

Delta Protection Commission Executive Director, Michael Machado, updated the Committee on the Primary Zone Study timeline. Primary Zone Study consultants (Douglass Environmental) plan to have a DRAFT Legislative recommendation on the Primary Zone's "area of concerns" by November for Committee review and have final recommendations for adoption by the DPC in December.

Douglass Environmental presented the preliminary results and findings from the Primary Zone Study and discussed with Committee members possible concerns/recommendations to better define the study areas.

- 1. The Cosumnes / Mokelumne River Area was divided into three subareas; the North, Central, and South. The Northern and Southern areas, bounded by Eschinger Road south to Twin Cities Road and the area south of New Hope Road, was found inconsistent with Delta Primary Zone characteristics and therefore recommended to remain in the Secondary Zone. The Central area, bounded by Twin Cities Road south to New Hope Road, contains many large parcels, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities which are consistent with the DPC protection principles and was recommended to be placed in the Primary Zone.
- 2. <u>City of Rio Vista</u> contains only a small portion of the city in the Primary Zone which has a low compatibility with the Primary Zone protection values and was recommended to be placed into the Secondary Zone. The consultants and Committee also recommended expanding the Legal Delta boundary to include all of Rio Vista's city limits and have the entire city placed in the Secondary Zone.
- 3. <u>Brannan / Andrus Island Area</u> should exclude only the Isleton city limits and sewer treatment facility and be placed into the Primary Zone.
- 4. <u>City of Isleton</u> (including the city's sewer treatment facility) should be placed into the Secondary Zone.
- 5. **Bethel Island** the Committee recommended the consultants propose three alternatives for Contra Costa County Planners and Stakeholders and see what input/recommendations the public will offer for inclusion or exclusion into the Primary Zone. Option 1) proposes

placing the entire island into the primary zone, option 2) proposes placing the entire island into the Secondary Zone, and option 3) proposes dividing the island along Bethel Island Road with the western portion in the Primary Zone and eastern portion in the Secondary Zone.

6. <u>South Delta Lowlands</u> the consultants recommend keeping the area in the Secondary Zone.

In addition, the Committee and consultants discussed the upcoming public outreach meetings. The public meetings are planned for November 3, 2010 in Brentwood, November 4, 2010 in Thornton, and November 9, 2010 in Rio Vista. The meetings will offer a chance for public to input on the study recommendation boundaries. The consultants intend on notifying landowners in the Central Cosumnes / Mokelumne River Area, Bethel Island, and Brannan / Andrus Island of the public meetings and potential boundary changes in late October.

Public Comment:

Lysa Voight, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD), requested the Committee supports the SRCSD recycled water project in the Central Cosumnes / Mokelumne River Area. The Committee determined that the project would be consistent with the Primary Zone goals and they would support SRCSD's project.

Jeff Willett, City of Stockton, requested for the Stockton Port and Treatment Ponds to be removed from the Primary Zone.

Eddie Woodruff, City of Rio Vista, supported the Committee's Rio Vista boundary recommendations.

Kristan Otto, representative of the Delta Stewardship Council, attended the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.